

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1-26. (cancelled)

27. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

 a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;

 a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

 holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

 said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and

 said holding elements being levers which are arranged at a distance from the thin wall so as to be rotatable around an axis extending perpendicular to the plane of the thin wall.

28. (currently amended) A latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

 a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;

 a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

 holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible-displaceable in direction of the holding elements' outer surfaces, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall,

wherein the holding elements comprise two slides being diametrically oppositely arranged in the slides having at their free end a first and a second inclined surface, being approximately at a right angle to each other,
one tilted surface enclosing an acute angle with respect to the plane of the inner side of the think wall and the cut line of the this tilted surface with the plane of the inner side of the thin wall is within the opening in the thin wall touching the rum of the inner side of the opening when the latch is mounted therein;
said free end of said holding elements being further provided with a second inclined surface for slam action;
said body part and holding element being separate parts; and
said holding elements being slides which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder that is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and is rectangular in cross section.

29. (previously presented) The latch according to claim 28, wherein said slides are held against a pressure spring force by a hook arrangement locking between the slides or in the cylinder.

30. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 27, wherein when the two diametrically oppositely arranged holding elements are loaded to different extents, such as when a sash fastener is used, the holding element upon which the smaller load is exerted is made of flexible plastic such as polyamide and the other holding element, upon which the greater load is exerted, is made of rigid material such as metal.

31. (currently amended) The latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the

mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are displaceable flexible in direction of the holding elements' outer surfaces, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said free end of said holding elements being further provided with a second inclined surface for slam action;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and

said holding elements being slides comprising a rigid material which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder which is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and being rectangular in cross section and being held against pressure spring force by a pin arrangement that is arranged between the slides.

32. (previously presented) The latch according to claim 31, wherein the pin arrangement comprises screws that can be screwed into the head part.

33. (previously presented) The latch according to claim 32, wherein the screws determine the extent of the movement of the holding elements.

34. (previously presented) The latch according to claim 28, wherein the cylinder has a partial dividing wall or undercut or opening edge at which the slides are supported axially by a shoulder or hook.

35. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 27, wherein the latch is a swivel lever latch or a folding lever latch for fastening in an elongated opening or in two shorter rectangular openings,

wherein one opening receives a lever bearing and the other opening receives a lever stop, wherein at least one of the openings also serves to receive at least one body part with holding elements according to claim 27.

36. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 35, wherein the swivel lever latch or folding lever latch has a trough for receiving the actuating lever in a lockable manner, wherein the trough forms the head part of one or two body parts with holding elements in the area of the lever bearing such as a drive shaft.

37. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 35, wherein the swivel lever latch or folding lever latch has a trough for receiving the actuating lever in a lockable manner, wherein the trough forms the surface behind which the cam of a lever stop engages on the one hand and forms the head part of a body part with holding elements in the area of the lever stop on the other hand.

38. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 35, wherein the holding elements are formed by slides which are held so as to be displaceable and whose movement axis lies perpendicular to the longitudinal extension of the trough.

39. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of

the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being separate parts;
said holding elements being formed by a leaf spring; and
said leaf spring being held at the body part by of a projection/recess.

40. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 39, wherein the leaf spring is held in a slot formed by the body part.

41. (withdrawn) The latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said holding element being formed by a stamped part.

42. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the

mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and

said holding element being formed by a round bolt.

43. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and

said head part having an offset in the region of the holding element for receiving edge bulges.

44. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts;

said latch having a folding lever which is supported in the body part so as to be swivelable around an axis; and

at least two opposed holding elements being held in a channel formed by the body part so as to be displaceable in a direction parallel to the axis.

45. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position; and

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts;

said latch having a folding lever which is supported in the body part so as to be swivelable around an axis; and

at least two pairs of opposed holding elements being held in channels formed by the body part so as to be displaceable in a direction perpendicular to the axis.

46. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

 a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

 a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

 holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, the free end of these holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

 said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and

 said latch having a drive which is supported in the head part and body part and carries a sash fastener tongue.

47. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 27, wherein the body part and head part are injection molded so as to form one piece.

48. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 27, wherein the body part and head part are two parts which are screwed, welded, or snapped together.

49. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 27, wherein supporting elements are provided for supporting the holding elements after the latch is mounted in the thin wall, these supporting elements being held or carried by the body part.

50. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 49, wherein two holding elements which are arranged diametrically opposite from one another are supported by spring arrangements such as spiral springs and/or wedge arrangements such as conical screws.

51. (withdrawn) A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

 a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

 a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

 holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

 said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and

 said holding elements being levers which are arranged at a distance from the thin wall so as to be rotatable around an axis extending parallel to the plane of the thin wall.

52. (withdrawn) The latch according to claim 27, wherein two or more holding elements are arranged next to one another in each instance.